

**Meeting of the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders
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Wednesday, December 3, 2014 to Friday, December 5, 2014**

DAY 1: Wednesday, December 3, 2014, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present:

Tung Nguyen, Chair
Mary Okada, Vice Chair
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Daphne Kwok (call-in)
Dee Jay Mailer
Diane Narasaki
Linda Phan
Lorna May Ho Randlett

Absent:

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Ravi Chaudhary
Kathy Ko Chin
Shekar Narasimhan
Maulik Pancholy

Meeting Notes

- I. Introductions and Opening Remarks
 - A. Welcome from Tung, Chair
 - B. Welcome from Dennis McLerran, EPA Regional Administrator for Region 10
 - C. Overview of meeting agenda
- II. Policy Discussions
 - A. **Immigration**
 1. Summary and overview of immigration policy up until Thanksgiving and recap of the President's immigration action
 2. Key highlights of current immigration executive actions
 - Two Presidential Memos (immigrant integration and visa modernization)
 - Expansion of DACA
 - Creation of DAPA
 - Naturalization system changes
 - New Prosecutorial Discretion memo
 3. Potential prioritizations: Enrollment based programs (DACA/DAPA, provisional waiver program, business visa program)

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4. Important to make people aware what the regulations and new action means on the ground→ Create training sessions to help communities understand. Commissioners have supported DACA outreach/roundtables
5. Future commitments and actions:
 - Find in-language spokespeople for immigration, and help ethnic media present the issue clearly to the public
 - Explore opportunities for partnerships with other agencies through RIWG
 - Make the case to stakeholders—create a “what’s in it for them” presentation
 - Create an editorial calendar for mainstream national and ethnic media for a logical rollout of plans
 - Reinstitute regular Commission calls

B. Health Policy

1. Health equity is a priority in the AAPI community – this year’s efforts focused on ACA implementation to reach AAPI communities and improve language access
2. For this ACA enrollment period, the AAPI community struggled with language access
3. Important to get feedback for approaching this issue for 2015-2016 enrollment→ Start now to get people’s stories on the right channels
4. Future commitments and actions:
 - Push current open ACA enrollment
 - Publish a series of in-language ACA videos (Burmese/Khmer/Hmong/Lao)
 - Health Community Commissioners meet with Secretary Burwell on December 19
 - Create an in-language glossary of words (healthcare disparity, SHOP, health equity etc.) for ethnic media→ Currently the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations offers one for a nominal fee
 - Create a stakeholder package for “what’s in it for them”
 - Train and hire more culturally competent navigators who have in-language skills

C. Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Issues

1. Currently working with Interior/Commerce, Region 9 RIWG leads, and the quarterly-meeting Pacific Island Task Force around these issues
 - The area is extremely strategic for military and natural resources, and the population has a unique “nonimmigrant” status that contributes to complicated migration issues
 - Completed grant training in Hawaii

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2. Pacific Island Task Force
 - Working with federal agencies to implement recommendations from the community by creating work plans responding to issues raised at the Guam Regional Summit
3. Future commitments and actions:
 - Dee Jay and Mary will create TPs about a general overview of the Pacific Islands, and will work on potential site-visits in the future
 - Facilitate relationship building between WHIAAPI and NHPI leaders

D. Business/Economic Development

1. Held Guam Community Summit to expand minority business initiatives and is now a part of the Pacific Island Task Force
2. Held the Asia Pacific Economic Forum to let businesses know about available resources for exporting and doing business in Asia
3. Asian American Business Expo was an opportunity for Asian American small businesses to showcase their work
4. Most recently, Employee/Business Resource Group Summit in partnership with ACE to discuss getting more AAPIs in business leadership roles, support educational institutions serving low-income, high need AAPI students, and potential for more public-private partnerships
5. Commissioners have helped in roundtables for the AAPI business community
6. Future commitments/actions:
 - Create bridges and partnerships to be engaged in minority communities—can do this through partners at DOL through RIWG
 - Meet and Greet on December 19 in Chicago between AAPI business leaders and government liaisons.
 - Continue the conversation started in NY about leveraging access to capital

E. Education

1. Commission should connect with Office for Civil Rights, Office of the Undersecretary, Office of English Language Acquisition, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education. Work towards partnering with Foundations in education space/to support AANAPISIs in particular
2. AANAPISIs were included in the most recent College Completion Summit
3. Working with the Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers (SASE) to encourage STEM careers among under represented AAPI sub groups
4. Future commitments/actions:
 - Have Commissioners speak at SASE events

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- Work to diversify grant reviews, clear up miscommunication about AANAPISIs and their role as MSIs, and sharing grant opportunities to support AANAPISIs that exist across agencies
- Quarterly calls on education

F. Civil Rights/Bullying Prevention

1. Ongoing concerns raised by the community over high rates of bullying of AAPI students from certain groups
2. The federal government has made strong efforts to address bullying in the past, including forming the Federal Partners in Bullying Prevention. The Federal Partners have created StopBullying.gov, a one-stop resource for information about bullying prevention for students, parents, educators, and the community
3. The Departments of Education, Justice, and Health and Human Services have also created bullying prevention resources. The Departments of Education and Justice have also resolved complaints involving bullying and harassment. The Department of Education has also expanded its data collection to improve its information on bullying and harassment
4. The Initiative has conducted outreach too, including a successful AAPI Bullying Prevention Summit in NYC in 2011
5. Last month, the Initiative and the Departments of Education, Justice, and Health and Human Services launched the AAPI Bullying Prevention Task Force
6. Immediate next steps for the AAPI Bullying Prevention Task Force:
 - Conduct an information survey to assess community needs for policy implementation
 - Conduct listening sessions across the country
 - Work with E3! Ambassadors to host the first bullying awareness webinar for Sikh students in early 2015
 - Communications campaign to get message out to the parents and students

G. Hepatitis B/Social Security Discussion

1. AAPIs make up 50% of those who have Hepatitis B, and it is a civil rights issue because there is discrimination against those who have it
2. Community requests for action:
 - Presidential Memorandum for Hepatitis B that includes language to address alleged discriminatory policies against workers
3. Ongoing concerns in Seattle with closure of SSA office in/near the International District

H. WHIAAPI Staff Member Office Hours

1. Commissioners meet with their respective staff member lead to update their work plans

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III. Closing Remarks

- A. Mary, Vice Chair, recap the meeting and give an overview of the joint RIWG/Commission Meeting for the next day

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80 Regional Interagency Working Group members from across the country participate in this joint meeting. Note that the RIWG met concurrently during the 1st day of the Commission meeting, though Commissioners were not present. Commissioners joined the second day.

Meeting Notes

I. Welcome Remarks

- A. Diane welcomes everyone to Seattle and opens up the session
- B. **Team Building:** Chandak Ghosh and Everett Lo, Region 2 IWG members, lead a team building exercise

II. Capacity Building

- A. A training on technical assistance programming that WHIAAPI will initiate in 2015 to support groups applying for federal grants. Group breakout for an activity on capacity building and organizational development

II. Regional Branding

- A. Participants discuss the importance of branding; how to talk about WHIAAPI work in a concise manner, impress upon AAPI community the importance of engaging with federal offices

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- B. Break out into regional teams to come up with ideas on how to brand their region, the RIWG, and WHIAAPI's work as a whole with Commissioners grouped with their respective regions
 - C. Reconvene as a large group, and each group presents their ideas
- III. Table Talk & Presentation by Wallace H. Coulter Foundation
 - A. Members of the RIWG and the Commission talk at their tables about different issues the RIWG faces, and how best to overcome them
 - B. The Coulter Foundation discusses the importance of working and outreaching to AAPI communities; the important role that the RIWG and Commission have in supporting AAPI communities, and speaks on the role of private foundations in helping the AAPI community
- IV. Region Breakouts: Strategy Discussions and Deliverables
 - A. RIWG members and Commissioners break out into their regional groups to discuss strategies for the future, and key achievable deliverables for the next year
- V. Closing Remarks
 - A. WHIAAPI Executive Director Kiran Ahuja and Commission Chair Dr. Tung Nguyen offer thanks to host, participants, Commissioners, and staff members for a successful joint RIWG and Commission gathering

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- I. Review of Agenda and Debrief of RIWG Meeting
 - A. Good way to network with people from various federal agencies
 - B. Understanding what technical assistance is beyond money
 - C. Potential changes that the Region 9 RIWG (in Hawaii) can make and ways in which federal agencies can step up their leadership
 - D. Connect with more regional administrators across all regions to get buy-in from RIWG member supervisors
 - E. RIWG acts as the connection with federal government → Need for building more connections with local/state governments
- II. Building the Bench and AAPI Leaders Forum
 - A. Recap of Commission nominations process
 - B. Highlight conversations with PPO about AAPI appointees. Goal of the AAPI Leaders Forum is to bring together influential leaders, discuss key issues impacting the AAPI community, and Administration/WHIAAPI efforts to address these issues
 - C. Remarks from Former WHIAAPI Co-Chair, Secretary of Commerce, and US Ambassador to China, Gary Locke

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1. Important to identify the priorities of the needs of the AAPI community at the local/state/national levels
2. Find effective strategies to make AAPI issues known
3. Encourage more AAPIs to serve in government to create a sympathetic ear for the community

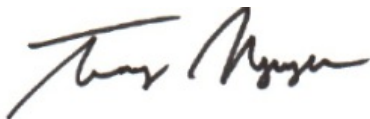
III. 2015 White House Summit on AAPIs

- A. Date is Tuesday, May 12, 2015 in Washington, DC
- B. Hoping to expand reach through broadcast on CSPAN or whitehouse.gov/live
- C. Review draft summit agenda and agency targets
 - DOJ – Linda
 - DOI – Mary, Kathy
 - DOC – Bill, Lorna
 - DOL – Shekar
 - HHS – Health Committee
 - HUD – Michael, Shekar
 - ED – Dee Jay, Lian
 - DHS – Lian

IV. Closing

- A. Commissioners finish with closing comments that emphasize the importance of these meetings, and what they take away. Commission Chair officially closes the meeting, thanks Commissioner participation, and community attendance

Meeting adjourns at 2:37pm.



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Dr. Tung Nguyen, Chair of the President's Advisory Commission on AAPIs